

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0398

Date: JAN 21 2020

In re: Alfred Lincoln ROBERTSON, Jr., ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues
Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell
Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") for 60 days, effective December 6, 2019.

On December 6, 2019, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Virginia for 60 days, effective immediately. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, on December 18, 2019. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

While the petition for immediate suspension was pending, the respondent made a filing that will be construed as an answer to the Notice of Intent to Discipline. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(c)(1).¹ The Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and the DHS thereafter submitted a "Motion for Summary Adjudication."

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be suspended from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 60 days. The respondent acknowledges that he is subject to discipline by the Board. He argues only that his suspension should be effective as of December 6, 2019, the effective date of the Virginia discipline.

There are no material issues of fact in dispute, and the proposed sanction of 60 days is appropriate, in light of the respondent's suspension in Virginia. The Board therefore will honor that proposal.

The Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and the DHS agree with the respondent's request that his suspension should be effective as of the effective date of the Virginia discipline, and state that the respondent complied with the regulatory requirement that he give notice to the Disciplinary

¹ The petition for immediate suspension is now moot.

Counsel for EOIR as to his suspension. *See* Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and the DHS “Motion for Summary Adjudication,” at 2; 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(c).

As there is no material issue of fact in dispute, we will enter a final order of discipline in this case. In addition, after consideration of the parties’ submissions, the respondent’s suspension will be deemed to have commenced as of December 6, 2019.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for 60 days, effective December 6, 2019.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of the order shall be made available to the public, including at the Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.



FOR THE BOARD